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 Hongkong, June 30, 1885. 1101

NOTICE.

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 Hongkong, May 10, 1881. 939

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 Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

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ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
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 Hongkong, January 4, 1887. 100

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF
 His Majesty King George The First,
 A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
 Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
 Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 496

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
 Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 855

Intimations.

The Overland China Mail.

A WEEKLY 8-PAGE JOURNAL.

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The attention of Advertisers is directed to a weekly newspaper, which is circulated among old China hands and others, both at home and in the Far East, who do not take the daily journals.

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WEEK DAYS.	SUNDAYS.
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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
 Hongkong, January 15, 1883. 151

Not Responsible for Debts.

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ALICE ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Capt. G. B. Holland.—Messrs. Tuck.

BELLE OF ORANGE, Amer. barque, Capt. E. Matthews.—Messrs. Tuck.

DESSA, Amer. ship, Capt. S. H. Ulmer.—Edmund Schellhass & Co.

C. D. BRYANT, Amer. barque, Capt. J. H. Colcord.—Edmund Schellhass & Co.

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RALPH M. HAYWARD, Amer. barque, Capt. J. Baxter.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

SHIMSHOOTER, British barque, Captain John Horne.—Giles & Co.

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To-day's Advertisements.

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NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. WILLIAM HOWES PERCIVAL assumes CHARGE of the AGENCY of the above Company here on this date.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
ALEX. ROSS,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, July 1, 1885. 1106

To-day's Advertisements.

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The Steamship **Haichin**,
 Capt. PETERSEN, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 2nd Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
 Hongkong, July 1, 1885. 1107

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship **Kaiser-i-Hind** will leave for the above place on FRIDAY, the 3rd Instant, at Daylight.

A. McIVER,
 Superintendent.
 P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
 Hongkong, July 1, 1885. 1109

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW (SHARP PEAK).

The Co.'s Steamship **Douglas**,
 Captain Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 5th Instant, at 9 a.m.

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DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, July 1, 1885. 1108

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AN INVOICE OF
OIL PAINTINGS ON CANVAS,
 AND
PANEL OF LANDSCAPE & FIGURE.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
 Auctioneer.
 Hongkong, July 1, 1885. 1111

NOTICE.

M. E. H. M. HUNTINGTON has been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm in Hongkong, China and elsewhere, from 1st January, 1885.

RUSSELL & Co.
 Hongkong, July 1, 1885. 1104

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
 June 30, 1885:—

Gulf of Suez, British steamer, 1,014, H. Laws, Master, June 27, General.—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Haichin, American steamer, 703, E. Petersen, Master, June 26, and Amoy 29, General.—RUSSELL & Co.

Kaiser-i-Hind, British steamer, 2,400, E. G. Stead, Master, June 13, and Singapore 26, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

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Consols have fallen since Friday from 90½ to 90.

The Bank rate of discount is now 2%, and the market rate ½ %.

The British transport *Thales* arrived here from Port Hamilton and the North to-day.

The French cruiser *Le Porpoise* left here for Saigon to-day.

The British steamer *Gulf of Suez*, which arrived here to-day from Manila, took out to port two small steamers in pieces.

One is intended to be the Cuyayan river, and Laguna.

The *Strait Times* is a number of merchant steamers the Imperial government and consulars amounted ships. The *Harlow* is a large transport.

The French mail, which in the M. M. steamer *Y. May*, and the English mail here on the 21st May, steamer *Tokoro*, were in London yesterday.

QUARANTINE regulations, of in the Manila papers cholera being officially broken out in the Spanish Islands, in which it will be enforced. The Hongkong, in his office the Manila Government the rumour that cholera Canton.

The *Diario de Manila* of a registrar office been ordered by the F. mont. An officer from has been appointed to office, and his duty will vessels arriving from, China ports, examining their papers, &c., with containing the exact number bitants in the Philippine.

THERE is a strong suspicion of the Japanese, solely created for the business of the import, true, the criminal author it their business to try persons who have created pulous and senseless alarm be a difficult one, but it attempted. Trick of it are too audacious, and ha fluence, to be passed over.

The United States Mr arrived in Ceylon harbor ultimo from Aden. She third-class, carrying eight manded by Commander. She was to leave on the 2nd, but she left Aden on the 2nd, back, as the cyrene was and rode it out Aden on the 4th and made the under sail, experiencing winds the great part of t

The bodies of the three of we reported last night, Wanchai on tonight of buried to-day without a been held up them. made a post mortem ex deceased, reported that violent purging and vo wards, cholera diarrhoea ing that there were not more cause among the class deceased belated, when taken into consideration diet, with rice, fruit, a fresh or got of its kin day's work they are in the first pool of fres find, at the same tin clothes, which are put of wet. The ten then go the Praya or their nig these circumstances one ed at numbers of such fatally.

CEYLON an Indian paper day's mail contain long experience of several a rible cyclo which passe Aden in its early part of sides the fendering of the *Seraglio*, this feared that which are missing, among man-of-war *Renard*, have steamers have been badly the latter are the P. & *Pesquero*, which lost 1 three boat and all her li feared by the Ceylon pap line steamer *Dionis* had but we learn that the at the same line, which left yesterday, passed the *De Aden* for repairs. The encountered the cyclor pretty severe handling, 1 house and scoring gear, picked up between 30 a ship-wrecked blow.

We regret to have to sudden death among the bers of the police force, a night. James M. Cam stable No. 25, who was at the Police Court, was turning to his quarters. The symptoms rapidly in ing nature, a little before fellow was sent to the

Hospital, where he expired about 10 o'clock. The cause of death is said to have been sunstroke, which deceased is supposed to have received sometime during his day by going outside the Court without his helmet. The deceased had been in the Hongkong force for about four years, and had, we understand been suffering for some time past from congestion of the lungs.

The funeral took place from the Civil Hospital at 4 p.m. to-day.

be to unite the struggling subscription list into one, so as to form a fairly satisfactory contribution towards the pressing claims of the starving natives. We are glad to learn that Mr Ost goes up to Canton with part of the funds on Friday, and, that after having associated himself with representatives of other Missionary bodies, he and others will proceed to the actual scenes of the distress. This will be a sufficient guarantee, that the money given by residents will be speedily and discreetly applied. An account has

THE FLOODS AT CANTON.

(From our Correspondent.)

Canton, June 29.

I am happy to say that the officials are bestirring themselves and despatching steam launches with rice, and cakes for the starving people in the distressed districts.

Reports of bad cases of suffering come in daily. The other day the body of a bride dressed in her bridal robes was found in the river. A day or two ago a large tub, covered over with boards through which were bored air holes, was seen floating down the river on the Honan side. It was

lashed up and found to contain a little boy aged four years and a little girl aged two.

With them was a paper stating their names, day and hour of their birth. Their parents had instituted this means of saving lives of their offspring.

The missionaries are starting a fund for the relief of the suffering people in the country. It is to be hoped they will find many liberal subscribers.

Newchwang.

(From our Correspondent.)

Newchwang, June 29.

The last three weeks have been remarkably quiet, and there is hardly anything of importance to record. On the first instant

thunderstorm from the North West lashed over, with hail stones, for a short time, of the size of a walnut. The stones

lashed down with such a force that all wing creatures had speedily to seek for shelter. The weather has since been

calm, with the exception, of course, of a few dust storms, which, however, as regular pests are not noticed so much. The crops are standing well so far, but as rain

has been very scarce, farmers begin to feel uneasy.

There are some more changes to take place amongst the members of this community. Mr C. T. Gardner has been transferred to Taiwanfo—according to later news

Canton; his abilities, as far as his duties as a member of the Consular staff are concerned, would surely vouch for him

promotion to the latter post. His place will be taken again by Mr Her-

bert J. Allen, who has just returned from Shanghai from a year's holiday at home. His coming back is greeted in most

quarters with satisfaction, as under his stern regime the social life in this place has never disturbed by any senseless

restriction and exclusiveness; but the Newchwang atmosphere seems often to give

rise to a certain narrow-mindedness, which is as much to be laughed at as re-

sented.

The harbour master, Mr E. V. Brennan, is to exchange places with Mr Walker of Che-

ong, formerly harbour-master at Pakhoi.

News has just reached this from Mouk-

in of a disturbance having taken place between natives and some missionaries

near the local mandarin's quick restored order; there are no reliable reports to hand

with regard to this affair.

The harbour is pretty bare again; the draft in port loading, is the British

ship *Sin Kolya*.

Siagon, they ought to give up the \$300 reward at once. If not, plaintiff was entitled to fall back on the defendant for a refund of the money. Judgment was therefore entered for plaintiff.

J. A. CORDEIRO v. A. E. BORG.—\$27; A. E. BORG v. J. A. CORDEIRO.—\$130.

In these suits both parties were described as clerks. In the first suit, the plaintiff, who resides in Elgin Street, claimed \$27 for boarding and lodging defendant, who now lives in Stanton Street, at Canton, from the 26th February until the 26th April. Defendant admitted he was two

plaintiff some money for board and lodging but not the full amount claimed.

In the second suit, the plaintiff (Borg) claimed \$130 for clothes which he alleged defendant (Cordeiro) had kept back. He left Canton in a hurry, and as he had been ill, he wrote and asked defendant to send on his clothes. Defendant sent on his trunk with a list of things forwarded, but most of the clothes had been kept back.

Plaintiff called Mr E. da Silva, his step-father, to prove what articles had been received.

Defendant said the articles for which plaintiff claimed, had been detained by defendant's creditors.

His Lordship said the plaintiff (Borg) had not proved that defendant (Cordeiro) had stolen his clothes, as had been suggested in fact it looked very much as if he (Borg) had run away from Canton in order to avoid paying his creditors, and his Lord-

ship was rather inclined to believe Cordeiro's statement, and that the clothes had been kept back by the creditors. If Borg had lost anything, he had himself to blame, as he should have gone back to Canton.

In the course of his statement, Borg said he and Cordeiro had lived together as very good friends, and nothing had been said by them about board and lodging.

His Lordship said that if they had been good friends he should advise them to try and settle the matter out of Court, and he would reserve decision until Monday to give them an opportunity of doing so.

Police Intelligence.

(Before E. Macken, Esq.)

Wednesday, July 1.

LARCENY.

Wong Aing, unemployed, was convicted of stealing a pair of shoes from a watchman who was lying down outside the Insurance

Fire engine station, at 2.30 this morning. Six previous convictions for larceny &c., were proved against the prisoner by Mr

Rocha, the receiving officer of Victoria Gaol, and he was now committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

LARCENY FROM THE PERSON.

Cheng Ah, a coolie, was convicted of stealing 17 cents from Tso Aing, a cook, on the 30th ult. Complainant was at the

Tong Hing Theatre and defendant was sitting alongside him. Complainant felt a

hand at his pocket and on asking defendant found a ten cent piece and seven cents in his hand taken from complainant's pocket,

which had been out through. A previous conviction for larceny from the person, for which he was sent to prison for six months,

was proved against the prisoner, who was now, for the second offence of a similar nature, sentenced to three months' hard

labour.

THE REMARKABLE CASE OF LARCENY AT YAU-MAT.

Leung Ching Sing, seaman, Wong Asa bricklayer, and Chan Aoi, boatman, appeared on remand from yesterday, charged with three others not in a custody, with

stealing from the person of one Tsang Hu Tung, a pair of shoes, clothing and money

to the value of \$8.30, and also assaulting complainant, on the 30th June, at Yau-

mat.

Wai Kam, P. C. 296, was examined to the effect that at 5 a.m. on the 30th June he was sent from Yau-mat Station to make

enquiries in the case, in company with In-

land Constable 686. The first prisoner and complainant were then at the Station.

Witness went, with the Indian constable to the first floor of No. 103 Temple Street,

where they found the second prisoner lying down on a bed, but not asleep. Witness

asked him what he knew about the thing up and robbery of complainant. At first

he denied all knowledge of the business, but afterwards said that the complainant

had taken away the first prisoner's wife and that several men had come to the house

with complainant and had tied him up and taken all his clothes. Witness asked him

where the clothes were and he said they had been taken to Hui-shan, and that he would

get them back. He afterwards got back the shoes, but not the clothes. The third pris-

oner was afterwards arrested in house No. 164.

Fung Kam stated that she was a married woman living at No. 164 Temple Street,

Yau-mat, on the ground floor. On the 30th ult. early in the morning she heard a

noise on the first floor of the house, and saw the complainant jump out of the window.

Shortly after the saw the third prisoner come down from the first floor with a

bundle in his hands. The second pris-

oner was in charge of the first floor and had been there for about a week. She

had never seen the first and third prisoners before.

Complainant recalled, said he identified the shoes produced as part of his missing property. He never seen any of the

three prisoners before the assault, and had never seen the woman, first prisoner's wife, before. He was alone in the boat when

attacked and he supposed the reason he was attacked was that he had fine clothes on.

The case was further remanded till the 8th inst.

WORKING AN OPIUM DIVAN.

Wong A Yut, a married woman, Lo Akam, a barber, and Chung A Heong, a

boiler-maker, appeared on remand charged with disorderly conduct, with damage to property and larceny of about \$100, on the

15th ultimo.

From the evidence it appeared that on the 15th June, about 1 p.m. a man named

Asan, who had acted as an informer in a case of larceny of opium, was smug-

ling opium at a divan at Hung-kam. While he was there the first defendant, who was the wife of a man against whom Asan

had obtained the conviction, came to the opium shop with a score or so of men, and de-

manded of the accountant of the divan that Asan be given up to them as they had come to beat him. The accountant of the shop

refused to give the man up, and by the first prisoner, the other two prisoners, and a score

or so of men not in custody entered the divan, and proceeded to smash all the lamps, furni-

ture, &c., and ransacked the divan, taking away money to the value of about \$100.

They also got hold of Asan and beat him severely with staves, stones, &c.

First defendant said that on the 13th June the informer Asan had laid out

wards he had come to her house and demanded \$10, and when she refused to

give it him, he had indecently assaulted her. So she would not let him off.

DELATES OF PRINCE FREDERICK CHARLES AND ADMIRAL COURBET.

London, June 18.—Olivier, Prince Frederick Charles and Admiral Courbet,

lost of the S. S. "SERAGLIO."

Madras, June 17.—The steamer *Seraglio*, for Bombay, with coals and dynamite, was

completely lost 300 miles from Bombay. The Captain and crew landed at Bombay

last night. No lives were lost.

INSPECTOR THOMPSON said that it was doubtful if there was anything like this light French in the shop which com-

plaintant stated (\$100).

First prisoner was \$10; in default one month's hard labour. The other pris-

oners were fined \$5 each, or fourteen days' hard labour. Each prisoner was to be bound

over in two sheets of \$10 each to keep the peace for six months; in default to be fur-

ther committed for six weeks.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Kaiser-i-Hind*, with the English mail of the 20th May, arrived here this morning.

TELEGRAMS.

THE RAWUL PINDI CONFERENCE.

Simla, June 6.—The last received home papers report that Lord Granville stated in the House of Lords, in reply to a question,

that Lord Dufferin made no speech at the Rawul Pindi Durbar, and that the speech

attributed in the newspapers to the Viceroy was really uttered by the Ameer. In making

this announcement Lord Granville probably misunderstood the information on which it was based. The speeches at the

Durbar were correctly given in the Indian and English papers, but a remarkable error

occurred in the report of the Durbar supplied from London to the press of France, Germany, and Russia, by the news agency

known as the *Agence de Nord*. In this report nearly the whole speech actually made by the Ameer was put into Lord Dufferin's

mouth. The consequences have been inconvenient to the Viceroy. The public correction made in the House of Lords was intended to apply to this report alone. As expressed by Lord Granville it was too sweeping, and in its turn is calculated to give rise to a misunderstanding.

THE DISTRESS IN BENGAL.

June 7.—The statement that in the distressed districts of Beahmum 24 persons have thrown themselves into the Ganges between the Ahmedpore and Bhulphore stations to escape a slow death by starvation has been officially confirmed. The District Superintendent of Police has been deputed to make a strict local inquiry. The sanctioned allowance of ten thousand rupees by the local Government to enable ryots to dig wells and re-excavate tanks will fall far short of actual requirements. The area of distress is extending.

MADRAS NEWS.

Madras, June 8.—In reply to Rajah Gajapathi Row's offer of a lakh of rupees to construct a battery at Nagapattinam, the Government has passed what appears to be a rigid order, as follows:—Rajah G. N. Gajapathi Row will be thanked for his offer, which will be considered when the emergency arises.

Mr Subapathi Madhalar, a Municipal Councillor of Bellary, has been ordered to furnish within ten thousand rupees to the town to be used as a hospital and dispensary.

Heads of departments have reported in favour of the employment of pensioned sepoys in public offices.

OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA AT MADRID.

Madrid, June 2.—Cholera has broken out here.

THE REMOVED ASSASSINATION OF THE AMIR.

Simla, June 9.—The recent report circulated by the *News* regarding the Amir's assassination was stated by the journal to be based on what is styled private dispatches from the Caucasus. The report appears to have caused some temporary excitement in London, where it was received on Sunday morning. A contradiction was, however, published on Sunday morning in the papers. So far as is known the report is absolutely groundless, there having been no plot or attempt to assassinate the Amir that could have given rise to it.

COPYRIGHT IN TELEGRAMS.

Bombay, June 9.—In the new Copyright Bill introduced by the Hon. Mr. Herbert in the Viceroy's Legislative Council, the exclusive right of use of 24 hours is given to subscribers to Reuters' telegrams. The publication by non-subscribers of papers is made punishable.

Simla, June 9.—The proposed Copyright Bill, so far as it deals with the question of the copyright of news published in newspapers, follows generally the provisions of similar enactments in Victoria, New Zealand and the Cape.

Simla, June 9.—Of course the often more costly telegrams published by newspapers from their own correspondents will be protected by a similar provision. It will be for the press to see that this protection be secured without any ambiguity.

THE SUEZ CANAL COMMISSION.

Paris, June 11.—Owing to the Ministerial crisis in England, it is believed the Suez Canal Commission will break up without arriving at a decision. This question of international control and rival proposals will be referred to the Powers, who will treat the same diplomatically.

LORD DUFFERIN AND THE CHARGE OF MINISTRY.

Simla, June 11.—There is no reason to believe that a change of Ministry would affect Lord Dufferin's position. It will be remembered that, though nominally Liberal, his Excellency was sent to St. Petersburg as Ambassador by the Conservative Government and retained his place in the diplomatic service when the Liberals came into power. His Lordship's whole career has been marked by independence of party considerations, and there does not seem to be any reason why a change should occur now.

THE AMIR.

Lahore, June 11.—Latest accounts from Kabul state that the Amir is in good health, and that everything is quiet.

COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION TO THE PRESS.

Simla, June 11.—The local authorities may be interested to learn that they will shortly receive an order enjoining greater reticence than is alleged to have been hitherto practised in the communication of information to newspapers. This same matter was once of late been presented on the attention of departments of the Government of India. The local authorities are now to be taken in hand.

THE SUEZ CANAL COMMISSION.

Paris, June 13.—The Suez Canal Commission has terminated its labours. England has accepted in principle the international control, but the form it will take will be referred to the Great Powers.

THE REDISTRIBUTION BILL.

London, June 16.—The House of Commons has adopted the Lords' amendment to the Redistribution Bill.

THE NEW MINISTRY: DIVISIONS AMONG THE CONSERVATIVES.

London, June 16.—The House stands adjourned till the 18th inst., when Lord Salisbury hopes to make a statement respecting the new Ministry. It is currently reported that a divergence of views exists among the Conservative leaders, Lord Randolph Churchill and Sir M. Hicks Beach opposing Sir Stafford Northcote.

(London & China Express, May 29.)

A report on the commerce of Haiphong gives fifteen entries and twelve clearances for February. The principal imports were

wine, liquors, corn, tobacco, cotton, iron implements, and provisions. It is stated

